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REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 and 13 have been amended, and new claims 31-35 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-19 and 30-35 are presently pending in the application.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Nathan Ha for his thorough search and review of the prior-art, his careful consideration and examination of the present application and claims, and his indication that claims 17-19 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kim (U.S. 2002/0033495), and claims 4-10 and 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim as applied to claims 1-3 above and further in view of Wen (U.S. Patent No. 5,812,448). Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim and Wen as applied to claims 1-10 and 12-16 above and further in view of Li et al. (U.S. 2003/0228717).

Regarding these rejections, Applicant would like to thank Examiner Nathan Ha for the oral correspondences with Applicant's representative, Kenton R. Mullins, on October 26, 2004, at which time it was informally agreed that claims 1-19 and 30-25 as set forth above appeared to distinguish over the prior art of record. Examiner Ha of course reserved the right to review the case in greater detail and to conduct an update search. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the present rejections of record.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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